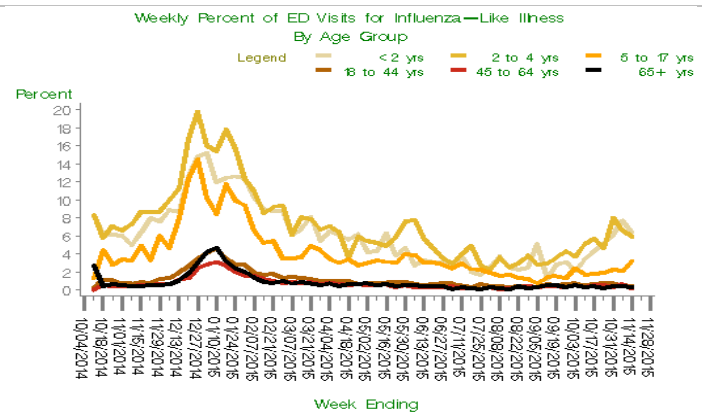
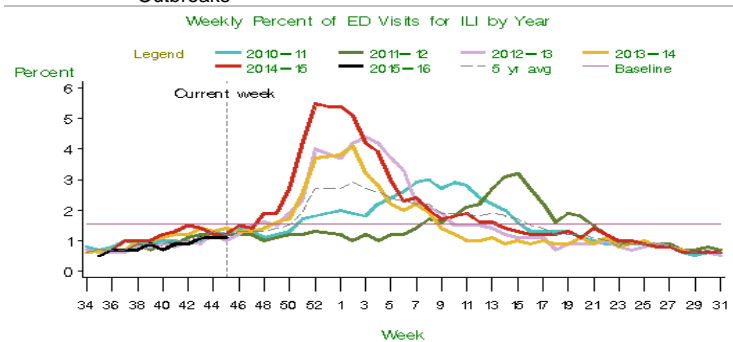
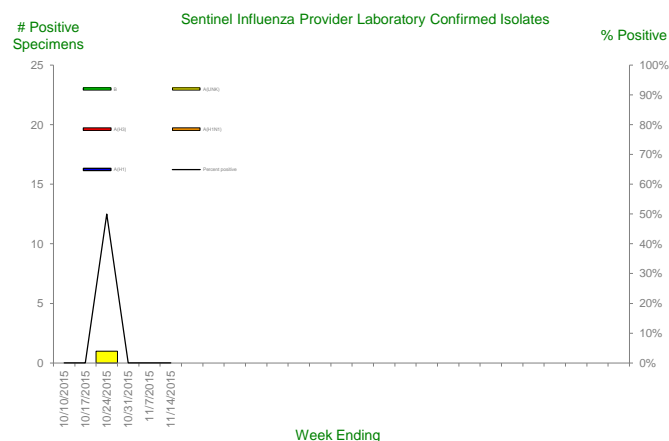


Influenza continues to be detected at low levels in King County. No outbreaks of influenza-like illness (ILI) were reported by King County long-term care facilities (LTCFs) in week ending 11/14/2015; no influenza-associated deaths have been reported this influenza season. The proportion of emergency department visits attributable to ILI remains at baseline levels, and is comparable to levels seen in previous years. The University of Washington Virology laboratory has observed small numbers of influenza A isolates; rhinovirus and parainfluenza continue to be the predominant respiratory viruses currently observed. Influenza is characterized as sporadic in Washington State, indicating there are isolated lab-confirmed cases and ILI activity is below baseline.

	Data for this week	Cumulative data this season since October 4, 2015
Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Deaths	0	0
King County Outpatient Sentinel Influenza Providers		
Specimens Submitted	5	17
Proportion Positive for Influenza	0.0%	Season Peak: 50.0%
A (H1)	0	0
A (H3)	0	0
A (Unknown)	0	1
B	0	0
Hospital Laboratory Influenza Rapid Antigen Test Submissions		
Number of Labs Reporting	2	Weekly Average: 4
Number of Specimens Submitted	35	Weekly Average: 133
Proportion of Tests Positive for Influenza	0.0%	Season Peak: 3.0%
Hospital Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI)		
Proportion of Visits Due to ILI	1.1%	Season Peak: 1.1%
Respiratory Disease Outbreaks at Long-Term Care Facilities (LCTFs)		
Laboratory-Confirmed LTCF Influenza Outbreaks	0	1



Note: The change from ICD-9 to ICD-10 codes in October 2015 may impact trends.
 Last updated Nov 15, 2015 ; 'current week' is week ending Nov 14, 2015
 Baseline: Mean % ILI during non-flu weeks for previous three seasons, adding two standard deviations.
 Using rapid antigen data, a non-flu week is a period of 2+ consecutive weeks where each one accounted for < 2% of the season's total number of specimens that tested positive for influenza.



Resources

Additional Flu Information, Resources and Surveillance:

www.kingcounty.gov/health/flu

UW Virology Laboratory Respiratory Virus Surveillance:

<http://depts.washington.edu/rspvirus/documents/VD2015-16.pdf>

Washington State Influenza Surveillance Update:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/5100/420-100-FluUpdate.pdf>

National Influenza Update:

www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Global Influenza Update:

www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/en/